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Federal Election Commission
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Re: MURs 4407 and 4544

Dear Mr. Rossner:

This letter is on behalf of the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc. and the Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc. (the "Committees") and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer, in connection with the above-captioned MURs. The Committees have been served with reason to believe findings and subpoenas to produce documents and subsequently filed with the Commission motions to quash those subpoenas.

This letter is to request an extension of time to respond to the Commission's reason to believe findings and its subpoenas in MURs 4407 and 4544, due to the pending motions to quash. Until the Commission rules and the nature of that ruling is made clear, it is not possible for the Committees to prepare and submit an adequate response in these matters. Furthermore, if the Commission should deny the motions — though the Committees urge that they be granted—significant additional time will be necessary in order to prepare and submit responses both to the reason to believe findings and the subpoenas.

This extension is also necessary because the Committees have received numerous other subpoenas and requests for documents prior to the ones served in these matters, which will themselves take significant time and Committee resources for compliance. Please note that at this date, some sixteen months after the 1996 election, the Committees are operating with a skeletal staff and limited resources. Consequently, at this time, the Committees are unable to state with specificity the length of the extension required, but, rather, requests the opportunity to discuss this matter with you after the Commission rules on the above-mentioned motions.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 728-1010 or Eric Kleinfeld at (202) 496-5051.

Sincerely,

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